



**Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT)
November 8th, 2018 Communiqué**

We want to hear from you!

- **Your input is valuable and necessary to guide us in the transition work we do. Please send your comments or questions to azcopt1@gmail.com**
- We look forward to hearing from the community at large, Key Advisors and Extended Partners on our work to date and future agenda items
- **To request a Partner's Presentation in your area or to learn how to start your own Local Community of Practice on Transition, please click on the link:**
<https://goo.gl/forms/qMU6rXb78zIP4AwR2>

Want to know more about our work? Check out our webpage! <http://bit.ly/2BjtAHy>

Core Team Attendees: Becky Raabe, Abel Young, Andi Asel, Melinda Rafanan Jay Johnson, Vicki Rozich (RSK), Robert Crouse, Kathy Levandowsky, Ana Nunez, Margaret Corcoran

Meeting Location: 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034, Prickly Pear Room

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

AZCoPT Leadership Team:

- Chair: Robert Crouse
- Vice Chair: Melissa Ann Santora
- Recorder: Melinda Rafanan
- Alternate 1: Anya Carrillo
- Alternate 2: Margaret Corcoran/Carol Sue Morgan

Discussion Items

1) PSO Collaboration Days Update:

- a. 422 people have participated in the workshops since 2018-2019 school year started.
- b. AZCIS afternoon trainings a new feature has been an added benefit to interested parties
- c. Talking Library reported that they have had an increase in requests after the Collaboration Days
- d. Future locations through January are Phoenix/Tempe, Yuma, Deer Valley, Phoenix Central, and TUSD

2) AzCOPT Communiqué, Webpage update:

- a. No progress has been made to find a location to house the archived communiques for the state level and the local level information
- b. It was proposed by AZCoPT to ask youth to create a Google AZCoPT webpage.

- i. Melissa Ann Santora will be contacted, and she will report out to the group on if this idea is accepted as a service project for this new year by AZYLF or Diverse Ability Incorporated.
- 3) **AZCoPT Agency 101 videos:**
 - a. Send out to team to review and revise the script. A subcommittee will be formed to help finalize with voice overlay and editing
 - b. Kathy will turn in OCSHCN script updates in by December. Margaret DDD, Abel VR, Bob BH, Ana/Andi ADE, Vicky R RSK by January 15th
 - c. Andi Asel will send out the original ppt script to the team so that they can have access to the ppts that the videos are currently based on.
- 4) **Google Training Request Link:**
 - a. To be sent out to AZCoPT members again to use for the rest of this year and for next year's requests for presentations and support for ambassadors
 - b. <https://goo.gl/forms/LM0aP9hQeTrYetT23>
- 5) **NTACT Goal #1 update:**
 - a. Two districts have been identified
 - b. One has no VR families
 - c. One day training, first half with professionals (Teachers, Support Coordinators DDD, and VR) to get training on their roles and in the transition planning process and how to work with the other agencies who work with their young adults.
 - d. Second half of the day with be the families who will be there to provide context to the AM training. It will be informational and conversational to update their plans with best practice ideas.
 - e. Updated Ima plans draft 1, IEP, ISP, IPE's and scoring rubrics completed by mid-December
 - f. Updated Ima plans draft 2, with the whole team completed by Christmas break
 - g. Training draft 1 due by the New Year, total 6 hours with a lunch in the middle
 - h. Training draft 2 due by end of January
- 6) **NTACT Goal #2 update:**
 - a. Data sharing agreement-There are two signed agreements. In one covers the past data sharing. The other will cover future data sharing. In 2019, the agreements will be merged into one that covers all past and future data sharing.
 - b. Currently being used to compare PSO to VR data
- 7) **Transition Manual Updates:** Susan not in attendance for updates
 - a. Meeting with subcommittee Tues, Nov 13th 8-10 am

Local Communities of Practice on Transition Updates:

LCoPT Updates:	
CCCoPT (Cochise County)	
East Valley CoPT- DDD and Margaret will be going out to talk about how DDD interacts with schools	Susan Voirol & Betty Schoen
Flagstaff -They are distributing the Transition Pamphlet as tips for parents, has a youth involved in COP	Becky Raabe
Gilbert CoPT- Still meeting, next meeting Dec 5 th Participating in East Valley Transition Fair April 3 rd Perry HS 5:00 to 7:30 PM	Betty Schoen
Greenlee/Graham LCoP (Newly Starting) no contact made at this time	Abel Young

Peoria- Still meeting a rep from Deer Valley was added to their team	Andi Asel
Pima County CoPT-	
Pima County Consortium-	
Pinal County Transition Consortium- In transition, ambassadors will work to help them find a new facilitator	
Tuba City LCoPT (Newly Starting) One contact has been made with Sandra Roe from the district office. Waiting for follow up phone call.	Ana Nunez
Verde Valley CoPT	Susan/Abel
Yavapai CoPT-Transition Fair 2019, decided to not have a one-day Transition Fair but one at each High School	Susan/Abel

- Standing Item: To post on ADE/AZCoPT website, Ambassadors need to communicate with LCoPTs the following:
 - I. Communiques should be sent to azcopt1@gmail.com
 - II. Communiques should be sent by LCoPT leader, recorder or appointed person
 - III. Communiques will need to be developed in an accessible format

Partner Updates

- **IHE/UCEDD:**
- **AHCCCS/DHCM:**
 - Did not get the national grant it submitted for.
- **ADCS:**
- **ADHS/OCSHCN:**
- **DDD:**
 - DDD Employment Specialist not directing reporting to Margaret anymore for DDD. They are looking at matrix management or other options. They are now reporting to the districts.
- **OSERS:**
- **Raising Special Kids:**

New Training: Engaging Parents in the IEP Process

- Audience: teachers and school administrators, related service providers, professionals that work in the field of Special Education
- Formats available:
 - 45-minute lunch and learn (in person or webinar format)
 - 1.5 hour in person workshop with Q&A session
- How is it requested:
 - Click: <http://m.raisingpecialkids.org/request-training-workshop>
 - Email: Vickyr@raisingpecialkids.org
- Training has been presented for 11 LEAs in Central and Northern Arizona and curriculum continues to be refined to fit content to multiple formats
- Raising Special Kids will send current curriculum to Andi and Abel for VR and ADE input

- **RSA:**
 - Customized Employment is the next WINTAC project for next year

- Detention/Corrections are being targeted as the WINTAC project currently for PreETS
- The work for new PreETS contracts will start early next year. The initial 2-year contract ends in 2020. To date 13/24 have provided services. Two of the providers have had 65 authorizations
- **SILC/ Diverse Ability Incorporated:**
- **ADE/ESS:**
 - Transition Conference had 795 total attendees. OCSHCN provided scholarships for 117 youth and families who attended. There has been a recap meeting in October to go over the findings and numbers. The kick off meeting is at **ADE Central office on Friday, November 30th at 9 am.**

Accomplishments

Next Steps

- 1) Strategic Planning for AZCoPT
- 2) Elections for AZCoPT
- 3) Bring ideas for new AZCoPT projects
- 4) Include ArizOTA Postsecondarytransitionsis@arizota.org
 - ArizOTA is not a local chapter of AOTA but is its own state entity. Chris Trujillo, is also a member of AOTA and the AOTA Transition workgroup
- 5) Updates on 101 Agency Videos
- 6) Updates on youth created Google webpage for AZCoPT to house all communiques, videos, training request link.
 - a. Melissa will ask AZYLF and Diverse Ability Incorporated youth if they are interested in taking on this service project
- 7) Update final list of ambassadors for LCoPs
 - a. Training Link sent to AZCoPT <https://goo.gl/forms/LM0aP9hQeTrYetT23>
 - i. Use to manage training/presentation requests and requests for Ambassadors for LCoPTs
 - ii. Send link to connect Tuba City to an Ambassador (Ana Nunez)
- 8) Future requests for Slide guides, who will send them out?
- 9) Who will check the AZCOPT inbox, and training request regularly? Elections?

Tabled Items

none

LOCAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE LIST:

LOCATION	AMBASSADOR
Pima County CoPT	Need _____
Pima County Consortium	Melissa Ann Santora new
Pinal County Transition Consortium	Betty Schoen new
Peoria	Andi Asel
Flagstaff	Becky Raabe
Gilbert CoPT	Betty Schoen

Yavapai CoPT/Verde Valley CoPT	Bob C/Chris _____(Need?)
CCCoPT (Cochise County)	Need _____
East Valley CoPT	Susan Voirol & Betty Schoen
Tuba City new	Ana Nunez new

***Ambassadors remember to send Meeting notes to AZCoPT gmail. These will be housed in a new location after the new year: azcopt1@gmail.com**

Upcoming Partners in Transition Presentations (101 or 201)

To request an AZCoPT Presentation, click on this link:<http://bit.ly/azcopttraining>

Location	Presentation	Sponsor	Contact	Date

- Autism Society 101 Partner Presentation was a success. The room was full even at the end of the day. Several people stayed and asked questions. It was great to have Velma from OSERS there with the team!
- AZCoPT 201 Partner Presentation at the Transition Conference was also well received. The newly updated presentation for this year's conference outlined how there can be a coordination of plans that can increase success in the transition planning process for a young adult. It included a case study for a student named Ima Learner.

Next Meeting

- Date: 12/06/18
- Time: 9-12, Aspen Room
- Location: AHCCCS, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ

AZCoPT Mission

The mission of the Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT) is to improve lifelong outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities.

Leadership Team

Arizona Department of Child Safety (ADCS)
Megan Conrad

Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC)
Paul Johnson, Special Education Administrator

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
Margaret Corcoran, Employment Services Manager
Carol Sue Morgan, Employment Services Specialist

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
Abel Young, Statewide Transition Coordinator
Betty Schoen, Region 1 Transition Specialist

Arizona Department of Education
Exceptional Student Services (ESS)
Ana Núñez, Transition Specialist
Andi Asel, Transition Specialist
Melinda Rafanan, Transition Specialist
Becky Raabe, Family Engagement Specialist

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Division of Healthcare Management
Robert Crouse, Implementation Manager, Children's System of Care
Adam Robson, Employment Administrator

Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN)
Katharine Levandowsky, Administrator

Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
Diverse Ability Incorporated
Melissa Ann Santora

Institutes of Higher Education
Sonoran UCEDD
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